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E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: OAS SHUM UY
SUBJ: OAS GENERAL ASSEMBLY IN MONTEVIDEO

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1. UPON QUERY, FOREIGN MINISTER INFORMED US THIS MORNING THAT EL SALVADOR'S REPRESENTATIVE TO THE OAS HAD BEEN INSTRUCTED TO VOTE IN FAVOR OF URUGUAY'S INVITATION. THEY HAD CONSULTED WITH GOVERNMENTS OF OTHER CENTRAL AMERICAN COUNTRIES AND OTHERS IN THE HEMISPHERE AND HAD DECIDED THAT IT WOULD NOT BE APPROPRIATE TO PLACE CONDITIONS UPON THE VOTE.

2. WE HAD BEEN IN CONTACT WITH THE SUB-SECRETARY OF FOREIGN RELATIONS ON SEVERAL OCCASIONS IN THE PAST SEVERAL WEEKS EXPRESSING FORCEFULLY OUR POSITION WHICH RESULTED IN THEIR DECISION TO CONSULT DIRECTLY WITH OTHER LATIN AMERICAN GOVERNMENTS ESPECIALLY
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THE CENTRAL AMERICANS. OUR POSITION WAS AGAIN EXPRESSED STRONGLY TO THE FOREIGN MINISTER THIS MORNING WITH THE REQUEST THAT THE GOVERNMENT OF EL SALVADOR RE-CONSIDER EVEN AT THIS MOMENT. HE REPEATED THAT THEY COULD NOT DO SO.

3. COMMENT: IT MAY BE RECALLED THAT FOREIGN MINISTER

MARTINEZ RECENTLY RETURNED FROM A VISIT TO MONTEVIDEO AND OTHER SOUTH AMERICAN COUNTRIES ABOUT ESTABLISHMENT OF DIPLOMATIC MISSIONS INDICATING A POLICY ON THE PART OF THE GOVERNMENT OF EL SALVADOR TO STRENGTHEN TIES WITH THOSE COUNTRIES INCLUDING URUGUAY WHERE IT HAD NOT MAINTAINED DIPLOMATIC MISSION. FURTHERMORE, THERE UNFORTUNATELY APPEARS NOW TO BE CONSIDERABLE AFFINITY BETWEEN THE SALVADORAN AND URUGUAYAN MILITARIES ON HUMAN RIGHTS POLICY AND MEANS FOR COMBATTING TERRORISM AND SUBVERSION, AND WHILE IT IS OUR UNDERSTANDING THAT THIS HAS BEEN RESISTED AND OVERRULED BY PRESIDENT ROMERO A DERIVATIVE EFFECT MAY BE THE TENDENCY TO GO ALONG WITH URUGUAY ON THIS VOTE IN THE OAS AND OTHER MATTERS.

4. WE WILL SHOW REFTTEL TO ASSISTANT SECRETARY TODMAN UPON HIS ARRIVAL AT 1030 AM LOCAL TIME THIS MORNING WITH SUGGESTION HE MIGHT WANT TO BRING UP WITH FOREIGN MINISTER PERSONALLY WHEN THEY MEET AT 1130 AM LOCAL TIME THIS MORNING, EVEN THOUGH THE TIMING MAY BE TOO LATE.
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